
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 430

AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE FLEET AND MILEAGE, FUEL AND EMISSION STANDARDS.

SUMMARY:

This bill extends, from January 1, 2003 to January 1, 2016, the deadline by which the state fleet of cars and light duty trucks, which the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) maintains, must have an average estimated highway gas mileage rating of at least 40 miles per gallon.

It also extends, from January 1, 2012 to January 1, 2016, the deadline by which all state cars and light duty trucks must be alternatively fueled, hybrid electric, or plug-in electric.

With DAS authorization, the bill exempts all law enforcement and emergency response vehicles, not only those belonging to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, from state fleet fuel efficiency requirements. The bill does not define emergency response vehicles.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

BACKGROUND

The law, unchanged by the bill, still requires that:

1. the cars and light duty trucks in the state fleet obtain the best achievable mileage per pound of carbon dioxide emitted in their class;
2. at least half be alternative-fueled, hybrid electric, or plug-in electric vehicles;
3. all alternative-fueled vehicles purchased or leased be certified to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) Low Emission

Vehicle (LEV) II Ultra Low Emission Vehicle standard; and

4. all gasoline-powered light-duty and hybrid vehicles purchased or leased be certified at least to CARB's LEV II Ultra Low Emission Vehicle standard.

In addition, the state fleet must meet federal requirements for the proportion of vehicles that run on alternative fuel. Under the federal Energy Policy Act, at least 75% of vehicles bought by the state (with certain exceptions) must be alternative-fueled vehicles. (These include electric vehicles and vehicles capable of operating on ethanol, among others.)

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference
Yea 13 Nay 0 (03/04/2013)

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable
Yea 27 Nay 1 (03/25/2013)